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Timothy C. Loose  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED MAY 5, 2004**

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated May 5, 2004. The shortened statutory period for response is three months from the mailing date, *i.e.*, by August 5, 2004, and this response is being filed within that time period. Please enter the following remarks into the record for this application.

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